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Leavitt: Education competency a must

By JULENE THOMPSON

In his 2003 State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Mike Leavitt emphasized a plan to reconstruct Utah's educational system.

"This isn't a nibble around the edges program the State School Board is proposing; it's a transformation, and I support it," he said.

Though many other concerns were discussed, he stressed education as the No. 1 concern.

"I believe that in the economic race of this century, the society with the best educated people wins," he said. "Period. End of conversation."

A new competency measured system is the heart of his proposal is meant to



Gov. Mike Leavitt speaks to the Legislature in the annual State of the State address.

Photo by Katie Benson

shift the focus of Utah education from attendance to competency.

He said schools are sending a message: "Attendance is mandatory; learning is optional. And that's the wrong message."

With the new value on performance,

Utah's school will improve dramatically, he said.

To make the change, Leavitt proposed to increase graduation requirements, establish exit competencies in the last two years of high school, and enable students to move ahead if they demonstrate competency.

Utah Educational Association President Pat Rusk said she was pleased with the new plan.

"Instead of chilling their senior year, high school seniors could complete their first year of college," she said.

Despite confidence in the program, she said it should be approached with care.

"Competency-based education is new so we should look at it carefully," she said. "It will be difficult to implement,

but I believe we can work on it together."

Leavitt suggested a strong correlation between education and the economy.

"We can't expect to prosper economically when our competitors lap us in education investment," he said.

Utah is dead last in the country for per student education funding and 40 percent below the national average.

Leavitt also proposed a 1,000-day economic plan.

He announced 1,000 new jobs over the next three years and a biotechnology/human genetics project, GenData, to create even more jobs.

Though new jobs are on the horizon, Leavitt expressed concern about recent economic trends in Utah.

"Bankruptcies in our state are getting to the point that the only explanation is a

plague of bad judgment and over consumption," he said.

Leavitt also proposed developing a permanent, adequate and reliable water plan that is conservation oriented.

He proposed collecting sales tax on Internet and purchases made over the telephone.

"It would level the retail playing field and help us meet our public education aspirations," he said.

With a high potential for war with Iraq, Utahns will almost certainly be used first, Leavitt said.

"You need to know that because of the unique training and capability of the Utah National Guard and Reserve, Utah will likely bear a disproportionate responsibility in that conflict, perhaps as many as 2,300 soldiers and airmen," he said.

U of U may freeze fall enrollment

Budget cuts decrease quality of education, president says

By LAUREN GRIZZLE

University of Utah President Bernie Machen is considering freezing enrollment next fall due to budget cuts.

While school budgets have not increased for 15 years, enrollment continues to grow. The university's enrollment grew by 2,300 students this year alone. If the freeze occurs, Machen will keep enrollment at the current 28,369 students.

The University of Utah is suffering from an \$1.2 million cut in funds that took a 5.7 percent bite out of administration funds and 4.7 percent from academic departments.

As a result, programs have been eliminated, class sections canceled, student services reduced and jobs cut. Some athletic programs may also be canceled.

"Everyone is in a grumpy mood," said Dean David Chapman, graduate school dean. "With

increasing student numbers, we've got more work, less people and less money to do it."

Along with jeopardizing the university's educational mission, declining tax revenues and depression in the economy have forced a \$318 increase in tuition since last year.

Machen said he believes the lack of state funding is beginning to crumble the value of the education provided at the University of Utah.

"It is irresponsible to keep pushing it off on students who are paying more and getting less," Machen said.

Transfer students will probably be most affected by the enrollment cap.

The potential enrollment freeze may create increased attendance at community colleges with open enrollment. Many students said they feel it smarter to attend a junior college with the current sour economy and rising tuition rates.

"Most junior colleges are cheaper, and you're able to get the same education for less money," said Suzanne Walker, a BYU junior from San Diego, majoring in English.

A study released by the nonprofit College Board announced that college tuition and fees have an average increase this year of more than 5 percent for both two- and four-year institutions.

Over the past decade, annual tuition at Utah's four-year public schools rose 16 percent from an average \$1,946 to \$2,252.

Machen has also imposed a hiring freeze and cut jobs. Hiring freezes are in place at many institutions including Utah State University, who is struggling with a \$6.7 million loss.

The state Board of Regents encourages college presidents to continue hiring freezes. It also promotes cutting lower precedence programs and reviewing admissions requirements.

The magic of Harry Potter



Photo by Bonni Ferguson

Jonathon Burgess, 25, from Kingston, N.Y., is a huge Harry Potter fan and plans to preorder the next book, which is scheduled to come out in June.

Book to be released in June already No. 1 on booklists

By BONNI FERGUSON

BYU students jump on the preorder purchasing bandwagon as they try to get their hands on J. K. Rowling's fifth Harry Potter book.

"I myself haven't preordered it yet, but I'm planning on it," said Jonathon Burgess, 25, from Kingston, N.Y., majoring in computer science.

Aly Hosford, 19, from Easton, Pa., majoring

in English, also said she is considering preordering.

"I really like how the story is going along and I think J. K. Rowling has a lot of talent," Hosford said.

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is already No. 1 on the bestseller list on Amazon.com. The book continues to climb in ratings on other booklists, although it will not be released until June 21.

Janice Card, a children's book buyer at the BYU Bookstore, is not surprised. Card said that in the past, Harry Potter book sales have been fast and furious.

"The publisher's preorders are maxed out," Burgess said. "Basically what is going to happen is that this book is going to be the best sell-

ing book of all time."

Intense preordering from online merchants may negatively affect bookstore sales around the country.

"We have competition all around us, and we can't order in billions of (Harry Potter) books so we can't sell them as cheaply as other bookstores can," Card said.

However, Card said she does not think the BYU Bookstore will suffer any loss of revenue. "We'll still sell hundreds of (Harry Potter) books," she said.

Some students said preordering is unfair to Harry Potter fans whose circumstances will not allow them to order early.

"From a sociological point of view, minority-

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Meditation essential in praying, Elder Wirthlin says

By SUZANNE BRIGGS

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin told students Tuesday to improve communication with the Lord through meditation and avoid repetition in prayer.

"We need to bring our hopes, dreams, righteous desires and trials and set them before Heavenly Father," Elder Wirthlin said in his Devotional address.

The Lord does not hear people who pray in vain repetition, he said.

Rocky Kerr, 23, a junior from Orem, majoring in teaching social sciences, said he believes being heartfelt is important in prayer.

"Avoiding repetitious statements when we pray is great counsel," he said. "Speaking from the heart makes a huge difference when you communicate with God."



Elder Wirthlin shakes hands with students after the Devotional.

Photo by Corey Perrine

Elder Wirthlin said people do not allow time to meditate on the things they are grateful for in their lives.

"President Hinckley said that people pray like they are ordering groceries. They pick up the phone, order what they need and then hang up," Elder Wirthlin said.

People pray without absolute faith and then do not connect with the power of heaven, he added.

"People approach faith like a little child; they ask their parents for an answer and expect them to say 'no,'" he said.

Elder Wirthlin also said an increase in prosperity has created a problem with communication with heaven because when people get rich they forget about God.

"The rich are deceived by the devil to make them think they do not need God. If they are sick, they go to the doctor, or if they are cold, they find a blanket," he said.

Elder Wirthlin also listed six things people can do to improve their prayers so they are heard and answered by Heavenly Father.

The first step is to stop worrying about uncontrollable situations.

The second step is to trust in the Lord. Elder Wirthlin said not to fear because God wants His

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[Weather]



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Kuwaiti policemen examine the vehicle that was attacked Tuesday, killing a U.S. army civilian contractor and wounding another on a highway north of Kuwait City, just outside the main gate of Camp Doha.

American soldiers shot in Kuwait City, one dead

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A gunman ambushed two Americans driving near a U.S. military base Tuesday in Kuwait, killing one and wounding another in what U.S. officials branded a terror attack.

The shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians in Kuwait and the third on Americans since October in the oil-rich emirate, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling for a possible war on Iraq.

The victims — civilian contractors working for the U.S. military — were traveling in a four-wheel-drive Toyota when they came under a hail of bullets.

The U.S. Embassy identified the man killed as Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego, an

employee of a software development company, Tapestry Solutions.

Tapestry identified the injured man as another employee, David Caraway, a senior software engineer. He was in stable condition in a Kuwait hospital after surgery to remove bullets, including two from his chest. He also had arm and thigh wounds, a hospital official said.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. U.S. and Kuwaiti officials said they believed a single gunman fired a Kalashnikov assault rifle at the vehicle. The attacker then fled.

"We condemn this terrorist incident, which has tragically cost the life of an innocent American citizen," said U.S. Ambassador Richard Jones.

Canada avalanche kills 7

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — A wall of snow 100 feet wide buried several skiers on a remote British Columbia mountain, killing seven of them, including snowboard pioneer Craig Kelly and three other Americans.

Three skiers who escaped the avalanche that thundered 300 feet down the mountainside Monday rescued one person, but the others suffocated under several feet of snow, according to police and rescue officials.

"If you get caught in one of those things, you can't flex a muscle, let alone breathe," said Ian Stratham of the Revelstoke ambulance service, who arrived at the scene about two hours after the snowslide.

Stratham said the survivors appeared stunned as they were taken by helicopter to their chalet near Durrand Glacier in the Selkirk Range of the Canadian Rockies. "It was pretty emotional for them," he said.

Norway appeals acquittal

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway's economic crime police on Tuesday appealed the acquittal of a teenager charged with digital burglary for creating and circulating online a program that cracks the security codes on DVDs.

Jon Lech

Johansen, 19, was found innocent of violating Norway's data break-in laws Jan. 7 in a ruling that gave prosecutors two weeks to decide whether to appeal. The unanimous verdict said Johansen, known in Norway as "DVD-Jon," could not be convicted of breaking into DVD films he legally owned, or for providing a tool others might use to copy films illegally.

The case was seen as an important test of how far copyright holders can go in preventing duplication of their intellectual property.



Jon Johansen
Teen returns to court



Reuters

BRITISH TROOPS DEPLOY

A Vickers Challenger II tank manned by members of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment's Egypt Squadron drives near Bergen, Northern Germany. British troops at the base are preparing to journey to the Gulf.



Reuters

WEST BANK STORES RAZED

A boy cries amid the rubble of small shops destroyed by Israeli forces in the village of Nazlet Issa, near Tulkarm, Tuesday. The Israeli civil administration in the West Bank said troops had torn down the 21 small stores because they were built without permits.

Israeli police assault press

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Two Israeli border policemen beat an Associated Press photographer and a colleague in the face as they tried to photograph the troops driving quickly down the street Tuesday with two Palestinian teens clinging to the hood of their jeep.

Nasser Ishtayeh, a Palestinian photographer for AP, was not seriously injured, but he suffered bruises on one ear and side of his face and visited a local clinic for examination.

AP complained to the Israeli army and demanded the incident be investigated and the soldiers punished. The Israeli military said it was looking into the incident.

Ishtayeh, who has worked for AP for nine years, had headed out with Jafar Ishtayeh, a photographer with French news agency AFP, to check out a report that youths were throwing stones at Israeli forces during a curfew.

Not far from the scene, the two saw a jeep driven by four Israeli border police.

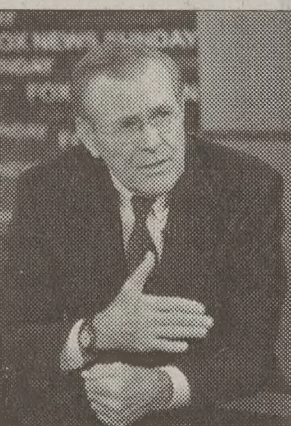
Rumsfeld sorry for slight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld apologized to veterans Tuesday for comments he made on the military draft that he said had been misconstrued by some as disparaging their service.

Rumsfeld issued the written apology shortly after three Democrats in Congress expressed outrage at his remark that draftees had added "no value, no advantage" to the U.S. military because they served for such short periods.

The letter signed by Sens. Tom Daschle of South Dakota and John Kerry of Massachusetts and Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois argued that Rumsfeld's remarks at a Jan. 7 Pentagon news conference were offensive to veterans.

"We are shocked, frankly, that you were apparently willing to dismiss the value of the service of millions of Americans, tens of thousands of whom gave their lives for their country."



Donald Rumsfeld
U.S. Defense Secretary

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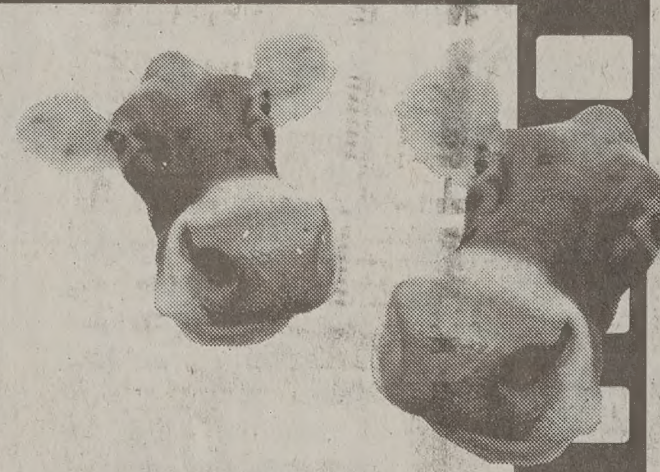
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Strong earthquake strikes Mexico, 19 killed

7.8 quake likely caused substantial damage

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A powerful earthquake shook western Mexico late Tuesday, sending panicked residents running into the streets of major cities and knocking out power to many areas. Nineteen people were killed in the northern state of Colima.

The first estimate from Mexico's national seismological service put the quake's magnitude at 7.6. The agency said it struck at 8:07 p.m. in Colima, a small state which borders the port city of Manzanillo, roughly 300 miles from Mexico City.

Butch Kinerney, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey, said scientists there calculated the magnitude at

7.8. There are general reports of damage from the states of Colima, Michoacan and Jalisco," Kinerney said. Because of the size of the earthquake and its shallow

"I felt it very strongly and I saw all the people leave very scared. I stayed calm because I trust in God."

Victor Morales
Mexico City resident

depth, USGS is expecting substantial damage."

Colima Gov. Fernando Moreno Pena said 19 people were killed in the quake, nine in the capital city of Colima and 10 others elsewhere in his state.

It was difficult to communicate with all of Colima by telephone, partly due to overloaded lines, but Melchor Usua Quiroz, head of Colima's civil defense authorities, told the government news agency Notimex that the quake damaged homes and businesses and briefly left several people trapped in elevators across Colima.

In Guadalajara, the capital of neighboring Jalisco state and Mexico's second-largest city, doctors treated dozens of people for panic. There were no reports of physical injuries.

State civil defense officials said that a hotel and sever-

al houses were damaged but there were no reports of massive damage.

"In the state of Jalisco we do not have reports of major damage and we do not have victims," Gov. Francisco Ramirez Acuna told a local television station.

President Vicente Fox ordered the military to search for damage in the region, which includes remote villages, and to offer aid to those affected.

The president's office, however, said an early inspection by the Mexican Navy found only power outages.

In Mexico City, people rushed into the streets, many of them barefoot or wrapped in blankets against the chill.

Police cars drove slowly through the streets of Mexico City with sirens flashing, asking people over loudspeakers: "Is everything OK?"

"I felt it very strongly and I saw all the people leave, very scared," said Victor Morales, 46, an apartment building superintendent in the Condesa neighborhood of Mexico City. "I stayed calm because I trust in God."

Some earthquakes of magnitude 7 have caused massive damage, but the effect of a quake can be affected by many factors, including its depth and the sort of earth through which it passes as it moves away from the epicenter.

Mexico City is built atop a former lake bed in a mountain valley which acts as a sort of amplifier for the motion of quakes.

Channel 4 anchor to speak at symposium

By BRITTANY SAVAGE

Ruth Todd, news anchor for Channel 4 will speak about her experiences with being a wife, mother and news anchor as a part of the Women's Career Symposium.

Todd will speak today, in 3222 WSC from 5-6 p.m.

Kerry Hammock from the BYU Counseling and Career Center will speak from 6-7 p.m., following Todd.

The Women's Career Symposium will be webcast live on NewsNet's Web site: news-net.byu.edu.

TOTTER

my rush to order a copy of next Harry Potter book

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are being repressed once again because they don't have access to computers," said Cardon, 22, from Mesa, Ariz. "A lot of white kids are getting the books before anybody else."

Other students agree with publishers' predictions to offer presale.

"I actually prefer preordering," Burgess said.

"First of all, it's easy. Secondly, it gets delivered straight to you. It's very foolproof. From a publisher's or author's point of view, publishers should have a great idea about the preorders how many books they should create."

Hood, 19, from Edmond, Okla., majoring in psychology, can understand why Rowling's fifth book is already a bestseller before release.

"I think that because kids always have a great imagination, the residual effects of having those fantasies never quite goes away," Hood said. "Harry Potter brings out the inner child and identifies with every-

body." Burgess compared the magnitude of Harry Potter's influence to earlier epics that have affected American society.

"Harry Potter is in our day as 'Star Wars' was in 1978," Burgess said. "It's our own personal myth that we're able to take to our own hearts."

PRAYER

Have faith and patience when praying, Elder Wirthlin says

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people to be happy and to return to live with Him again.

The third step is to do good.

"As members of God's church, we have made solemn commitments with Him and have promised to be the light of the world," Elder Wirthlin said.

The fourth step is to delight in the Lord. Elder Wirthlin said people need to step lighter, worry less and carry peace with them.

The fifth step is to commit to the Lord and the sixth step is to rest in the Lord.

"We need to have faith and then God will answer in his own due time," Elder Wirthlin said.

Laura Bronson, 19, a sophomore from Anchorage, Alaska, majoring in pre-music, said she knows the importance of exercising faith in prayer.

"Prayer is one of the most important ways we can communicate with our Heavenly Father, and we need to understand that God is always there knocking at every door, and we just need to open it," she said.

Elder Wirthlin said everybody is equal in the ability to approach the throne of Heavenly Father in His kingdom.

"Heavenly Father lives and answers prayers. When we pray we open the windows to heaven and fill our hearts with the Holy Ghost," Elder Wirthlin said.

Burke Jensen, 23, a junior from Allentown, Pa., majoring in public relations, said he enjoyed listening to Elder Wirthlin's remarks.

"It was so great to hear counsel of the practical reasons why the Lord does not hear our prayers," he said.

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Y musicians to perform with symphony

By BERNICE MADSEN

Few musicians ever get a chance to dictate a symphony's performance, but three BYU students will have that opportunity as winners of the Young Artist's competition.

Tommy Yu, Jessica Schiffman and Marilyn Reid were three of seven winners who auditioned against over 70 musicians for a chance to perform solo with the Utah Valley Symphony. The Young Artist's concert, which has been a tradition for the Utah Valley Symphony for the past 25 years, allows several talented youth to solo with an orchestral accompaniment.

"They only hold two rehearsals," said Laurie Sowby, publicist for the symphony. "It's a great opportunity for young artists, but a challenge for the symphony as they are mostly sight-reading."

These three students will be performing two concerts on Wednesday and Thursday, under the direction of Bryce Rytting, at the Provo Tabernacle. Admission at the door will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Yu, a 22-year-old junior originally from Taiwan, said he was shocked when he won the com-

"I never thought that you could do something that you positively love and (get) credit for it."

Marilyn Reid

Young Artist's competition winner

petition. Yu is majoring in music composition, rather than flute performance, and said he was the least experienced student in the studio to audition.

"I entered for the experience," Yu said. "One of my philosophies about composers is that a good composer should still be a good performer."

When Yu first came to the States, he had a real passion for writing music. However, he said his host family felt it would be beneficial for him to pick up an instrument other than piano, so Yu started playing the flute in the marching band at American Fork High School.

"It was intimidating to be starting in high school," Yu said. "I had so much catch-up to do."

However, having a passion for something he wanted to do led to

more hours of practice, he said.

"Sometimes, I practice too much," he said. "I forget to eat."

Schiffman, a 20-year-old from Orem, majoring in oboe performance, thought she performed quite well in the auditions.

"I felt pretty good about it," she said. "If I didn't make it, it would be all right because I thought I played well."

Schiffman performed in the Young Artist's concert in 1999, playing the piano instead. Sowby said it is unusual for a musician to be so proficient in more than one instrument at that level.

Schiffman said she has no regrets in changing instruments.

"The oboe gives me opportunities for band and ensembles and being with people," Schiffman said. "Piano (was) isolated, and I practiced by myself, for myself."

Reid, 22, from Provo, did not originally pick vocal performance as her major.

"I never thought that you could do something that you positively love and (get) credit for it," she said. Reid said she started taking voice lessons for fun and also because her grandmother had always told her she

needed to take them.

Reid's grandmother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer while Reid was attending BYU, so Reid decided to take voice lessons as a last gift to her grandmother. Her grandmother died later that semester.

"I like to think she comes to all my concerts," Reid said.

Reid was the only vocalist who auditioned, and on the day of her performance, Reid said she had a terrible cold.

"I was concerned about doing my best," she said. "After the performance, I felt very confident that I performed the best I could perform."

Having sung with the symphony orchestra before, Reid said she does not feel too nervous about her upcoming performance.

"Singing with a symphony is so much fun because music was written to be played that way and sung that way," she said.

Symposium to examine effects of Roe v. Wade

On 30th anniversary, the case is revisited

By ERICA STARR

On the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, the law school will present a mini-symposium on the impact of the case today.

"This is not an activist meeting," said Lynn D. Wardle, a BYU law school professor.

"It will be more like a counterpoint perspective of what students hear daily about abortion from the media. Most material people accumulate from the media is one-sided, and this symposium will be an effort to close that gap."

Forty-five million abortions have been performed since court voted in favor of abortion 30 years ago.

"Because abortion has had such broad effects on society, professors from several departments — such as biology, linguistics and marriage and human development — will speak," Wardle said.

"Speakers will talk briefly about the narrow legal effects of the case, but mostly, they will address the effects it has had on American life."

The symposium will be at J. Reuben Clark Building from noon to 5 p.m. today.

The professors will speak from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. in the Moot Court Room, JRCB.

A video presentation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in 320 JR.

Terrorism documentary to be seen on campus

"Why Us?," a documentary film about why the U.S. was the target of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will be shown twice on campus today.

The film will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in Room 238 of the HRCB and 5 p.m. in Room 151 of the Tanner Building.


The documentary was directed by Daniel Lindsay of Rockford, Ill., and produced by journalist Cody Shearer of Washington, D.C.

The project started when Lindsay began a weeklong drive across the country on the morning of the terrorist attacks, film-

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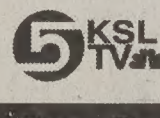
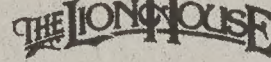

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Book tells story of Utah's inner city youth

By JENNIFER YATES

Unlike most 8-year-old girls who dream about their futures and play with Barbies, Sally finds for herself and cares for her family where needed. Since the time she was 6, Sally has kept house, prepared meals and grocery shopping for her mother, who has been diagnosed with severe diabetes and works 12-hour shifts every day. Sally has little time to be a child. Sally's father rarely brings in enough money to support the family and Sally's life is lost in torrents of adversity.

She, like many children of inner city elementary school classmates, takes on responsibilities far beyond her years.

Robert Bullough, director of the Center for the Improvement of Teacher Education and Schooling (CITES), has documented Sally's life along with the lives of 33 inner city children in the Lafayette Elementary School located in Salt Lake City.

"These kids literally raise themselves," Bullough said.

Sally is one of many real-life children Bullough portrays in his book, "Uncertain Lives: Children of Promise, Teachers of Hope," a book about the lives, hopes and dreams of Utah's poor children.

Bullough visited with these children daily for a year in order to understand the suffering and hardships faced by children in inner city developments. "I worry about a lot of kids," Bullough said. "Our country is a mean place for children."

Unfortunately, one out of nine children at Sally's facility come from battered women's shelters, drug rehabilitation programs and transit housing. "Hundreds of thousands of children — probably millions — have been born to lousy parents: drugged, lazy, uneducated, bitter, slovenly, indifferent, dishonest, disengaged and selfish," Bullough said.

Death of a family member, parental neglect and starvation are only a few of the issues Bullough covered in his work. The book, which recently received national recognition by Choice magazine as an outstanding academic title for 2002, focuses on these children and the hope given to them as they attend a school under government funding. "It attacks some of the stereotypes of poor kids and messy lives that do amazing things," Bullough said.

According to Bullough, too many children in Utah live in poverty and too many people do not understand the severity of the situation. Utah currently has the third highest percentage of children born in poverty in the U.S., according to www.childrensde-

"I worry about a lot of kids. Our country is a mean place for children."

Robert Bullough
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One in 10 of Utah's children are living at or below the poverty line.

For a child who may or may not get dinner, school lunch may be his or her best meal of the day, Bullough said.

The book focuses on both those who are doing well in school and those who are struggling, he said.

Part of Bullough's book focuses on the contribution of dedicated teachers, Bullough said.

"The lights are on early in the morning and late at night," Bullough said. "The teachers are heavily invested in the students, and the children are doing better than they should be doing."

With meager wages and long hours, teachers at Lafayette are the adults in the lives of their students, Bullough said.

"The situation at Lafayette has gotten worse," Bullough said. "Large number of children is in serious trouble — with unraveling families."

Now under threat of closure, Lafayette Elementary School receives all revenues for sales of Bullough's book.

Each time the school receives its revenues, the faculty and staff give students an experience they would be unable to have otherwise, Bullough said.

The last time the school received revenue money from Bullough's book, the money was

used for the students to attend a play, Bullough said.

"Many of the students had never seen a play before," Bullough said. "It was a unique opportunity for them."

Published in late 2001, the book has been used nationally in workshops and conference sessions.

"Over the past decade, with perhaps more fervor than ever before, our nation's educators have sought explanations for the poor academic achievement that persists among many of our children, particularly those who are most 'at risk,'" said professor Lea Hubbard from the University of California in a review of Bullough's book.

According to Hubbard, the book shows the reader how children struggle to obtain education while struggling to survive with possibly the only hope for those children their teachers.

"Faced with uncertain lives children come to the schoolhouse door with optimism, expectations and promise but all too often, physical and emotional needs interrupt their readiness to learn," Hubbard said. "Bullough suggests that the solution lies in part with the educators who teach children."

More attention has been garnered through songwriter Mark Bake, who wrote a song about the children in the book.

Bullough said he heard the song for the first time a couple of months ago.

After working for 20 years at the University of Utah as an emeritus professor of educational studies, Bullough has continued his interest in children's education through his work at BYU with CITES, which currently has a partnership with five of Utah's school districts.

"It is a vehicle to work closely and to work better with teacher education," he said.

POLICE Beat

THEFT

A student left a wallet in Room 270 of the SWKT between 2:50 p.m. and 3:10 p.m. on Jan. 13. Later that night the student received a voicemail saying the wallet was left in the campus lost and found. When the student checked the lost and found, the wallet was not there. The wallet contained \$525. The victim is a 21-year-old student.

A backpack was stolen from the Smith Fieldhouse in the Athlete Student Center between noon and 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 14.

The backpack contained a biology book, pens and pencils. The estimated total value is \$120. The victim is a 21-year-old student.

A car was stolen from the visitors parking lot of the J. Reuben Clark Law Building at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 17.

The victim parked the car at 3:15 p.m. and left it unlocked. The car is a 1990 Dodge cargo van. It is light blue with a tan interior and a large dent in the side cargo door.

A silver and black Dia-

mondback RES20 bicycle was stolen from the bike racks located south of the Wilkinson Student Center at about 6 p.m. on Jan. 17.

The bicycle was secured with a lock with a combination. The value of the bicycle was \$350. The victim is a 19-year-old student.

FIRE

A fire broke out in Building B66, an industrial arts lab, at 10:40 a.m. on Jan. 19. An individual was working on a project when smoke was smelled coming from under a table saw.

The individual tried to put out the fire with water. The smoke continued to come out from under the table saw. The individual evacuated the building.

The sawdust had been smoldering for a long time and ignited some dust in the ventilation system. Considerable damage was done to the dust collection and the ventilation systems.

ARREST

An officer confronted three individuals by the McDonald Building at 6 p.m. on Jan. 20. One individual was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a drug-free zone. The individual was booked into Utah County Jail.

Fortune cookies promote Y's Asian festival

By TASHA SOTOMAYOR

"Chopstick users are very good kissers" is the fortune inside cookies being passed out at YU.

In anticipation of the Asian Festival, student leadership and the Asian American Association (AAA) are using fortune cookies to promote the festival this Friday.

Sokie Bun, a junior from Philadelphia, majoring in marriage and family, and president of AAA, is using fortune cookies from New York at booths in the Museum of Art, Tanner Building and the Pendulum Court to entice the student body to attend the Asian Fest this year.

"Asian Fest is going to be the bomb this year," Bun said. "The performance on Friday night is going to be sweet."

Activities include a street fes-

tival in the Garden Court, a dinner, a show and a dance.

There will be Tae Kwon Do, Sumo wrestling, face painting, games and storytelling, Bun said.

Crystal Ang, a junior from Provo and the creative director for AAA, has been working with representatives of other student leadership organizations for the Asian Fest program.

"It is going to be an authentic experience in rediscovering Asia," Ang said.

The annual Asian Fest showcase will feature eight major countries: Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Hong Kong/Taiwan, Korea and Japan.

The showcase will tell the story of an orphan boy searching for his identity throughout all the cultures.

After the program, there will be a hip-hop dance in the Terrace, incorporating Asian and American music.

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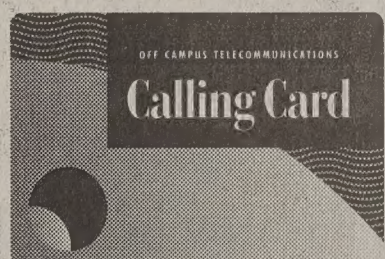
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The Heber Creeper train, which runs in Heber, Wasatch County, has recently added gambling-style games to some of its rides.



Heber Creeper adds gaming

By CASI HERBST

The Heber Creeper now has more creeping down the track than just a train.

Recently the Heber Creeper added a new feature to its sought after track — gaming.

Gaming is gambling, roulette, craps and blackjack, without the money at stake.

A rider can play these games "without losing the family farm," said Ken McConnell, marketing director for the Heber Valley Railroad. The only things at stake are the prizes riders could win by winning the table, which are quite attractive.

But does this play an ethical harp string in a predominantly LDS community, which does not believe gambling is a good practice?

"(It) defiantly poses a question in my mind," said Eric Hart, 23, a senior from Indianapolis, Ind., majoring in vocal performance. "I consider myself pretty strict on that stuff."

The separation between gaming and gambling might be less clear for those who are competitive.

"(It's) just like they were using real money," McConnell said when referring to the energy and competitiveness of playing.

Hart suggested people donate any prizes won and just go to have fun.

"That seems more consistent with an LDS standpoint," Hart said. He went on to say that if the prizes were not so large it would be more like Chuck E. Cheese, where winners get tokens, and it's less like gambling.

Some feel like it's harmless and just want to have a good time.

"It's kind of like playing monopoly," McConnell said. It's "strictly for games."

The train made a gaming run Jan. 17, for \$75 per person, including dinner.

Adults of all ages have shown up for the rides.

The gaming ride has gotten favorable reviews from those who have ridden, which includes employees of Sundance and Park City.

A rider must be 21 to ride because of a bar located on the train. The gaming train leaves again on Feb. 8 and 28.

Spot near BYU named top accident location

High traffic area produces four or five accidents per day

By AARON McCULLOUGH

University Avenue in front of Zions Bank and 500 West in front of Albertson's are Provo's two most treacherous stretches of road, according to accident statistics gathered by the Provo Police Department during the last six months of 2002.

A city map across from the dispatch desk at the Provo City Police Department labels the section of University Avenue between 700 North and Bulldog Boulevard and the section of 500 West between Center Street and 100 North dark red, indicating an average of four to five accidents per day.

According to Dalene Higgins, an analyst for the Provo Police Department, these sections of road have the highest incident rates in Provo, logging an average of 786 to 885 accidents from July to December, 2002.

So what proposed changes are in the works for reducing accidents in these zones? None, according to Sgt. Gary Hodson, a traffic unit officer for Provo Police.

"People need to comply with the traffic control devices present," Hodson said. "For example, there's nothing wrong with the speed limits currently posted. The problem is with people exceeding the limit."

There are those, however, who think the city should make some changes made to improve traffic flow and reduce accidents.

"I think the biggest problem is that there are no left-hand turn lights on the main road," said Phil McClure, a BYU student from Pittsburgh, majoring in applied physics, who lives on the busy stretch of University Avenue. "There's usually 10 to 15 cars waiting to turn left during heavy traffic. Even after the light turns red, three to four cars still go through."

Hodson offered some advice for those driving in these busy sections of Provo.

"Pay attention to what's going on around you, and follow

at a safe distance," Hodson counseled. "Some people think other people ought to be watching out for them, when in fact it's the other way around."

Distractions are often culprit in traffic accidents.

"Anything that we do that distracts us from our primary duty is dangerous," Hodson said. He specifically mentioned talking on cell phones as a common driver distraction.

Sometimes the problem is the driver's attitude.

"Our members are telling us they want help in dealing with aggressive drivers," Rolay Fairclough, AAA Utah spokeswoman, said in a news release. "In our survey, 2 out of 3 people told us they believe aggressive driving is a moderate to a problem in their region."

The AAA study reads that weaving in and out across lanes of traffic, tailgating and cutting in are most widely associated with aggressive driving.

According to the study, many drivers favor two approaches to reducing aggressive driving: increasing the funding for student driver education programs and increased law enforcement of existing laws.

Y embezzlement suspect gets court date

By KYLE MONSON

An ex-BYU financial officer will face prosecution on April 28 for seven 2nd-degree felony counts of theft and one count of racketeering.

Utah County Deputy Attorney David Waymont is leading the prosecution against John Shepard Davis, 59, who allegedly set up an outside corporation to receive unauthorized funds from BYU.

After starting his own collection agency in 1994, Davis allegedly drafted BYU checks to Regional Credit Management (RCM) for inflated fees from student accounts.

Mark Gotberg, BYU assistant director of internal audit-

ing, said Davis inflated the amount of money students owed the university for parking tickets, library fees and tuition, and kept the difference.

Davis created RCM in 1994 with his wife, Carol, and allegedly funneled approximately \$306,000 from BYU student accounts.

Gotberg said more than 70 checks were endorsed by Davis for RCM, and that \$260,000 is still missing from BYU accounts.

Davis was employed for 10 years before the scandal came to light in 2001 and was responsible for paying financial

agencies that collected on over due student accounts.

Mark Madsen, assistant treasurer over student financial services at BYU, discovered the questionable financing when he traced a check and found that Davis was endorsing checks made out to RCM.

"BYU has made every effort to contact any student who was impacted," said Carri Jenkins, university spokeswoman. She said 779 student accounts were affected by Davis' alleged actions and that every student overcharged has been refunded the extra money.

Orem firefighters to benefit from grant

Federal money came as part of firefighter assistance program

By MARLA SOWARDS

Orem firefighters plan to use a federal grant to improve their skills in fire safety and rescue techniques.

The United States Fire Administration, an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, awarded \$64,029 to Orem's fire department as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Fire Cmdr. Scott Gurney said the firefighters plan to use the money for training.

"We're going to be having two classes brought in," Gurney said. "One is firefighter survival, which teaches our crews how to save themselves in a structure — different techniques that are going to be beneficial in getting

out alive."

Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations prompted the second class.

"The other training falls in line with the OSHA standard 'two in, two out,' which is a document that requires us to have people that are capable of going in and rescuing our own," Gurney said. "They have to be ready to go in before we can send anybody into a structure fire. If one of our firefighters goes down or gets trapped or gets in trouble, we have a team that's ready to go in and rescue them."

Gurney said fire departments across the country receive grants through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

"These grants are done through FEMA with the approval from Congress," said Meghan Riding, press secretary for Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah. "It's something that Congress has set up so that fire departments will be able to receive the funds so they can provide emergency help that communities need."

Congress approved the \$91,469 training project, agreeing to cover 70 percent of the cost.

"The (Orem firefighters) will have to come up with the other 30 percent," Riding said.

The grant follows several other donations to Utah fire departments, including the Lone Peak Public Safety District, the Utah County Fire Department and the Glendale Fire Department in Orderville, Kane County, in November and the Lehi Fire Department in December.

Orem's grant is the highest of all the awarded amounts.

"The amounts of the grants are based on department need and what they request," Gurney said. "If a department in Southern Utah is volunteer and only has 20 to 30 volunteers, it doesn't take that much to train them. But in our case, where all of our personnel are full time and (we need to get) 100 percent of them trained, it does cost a lot more money."

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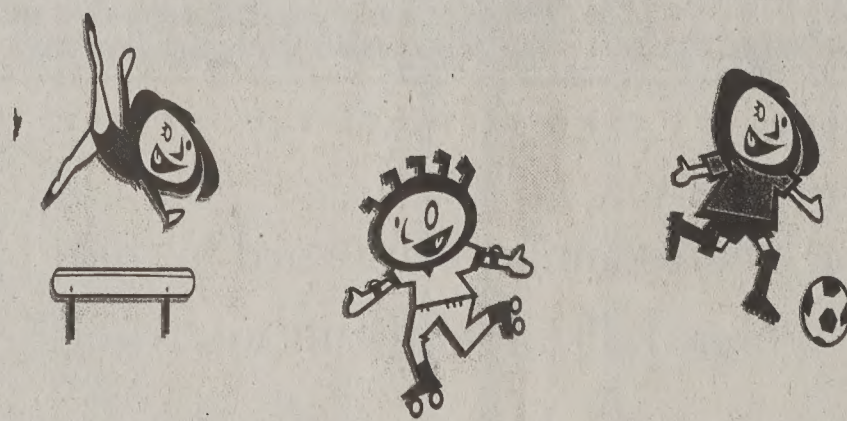
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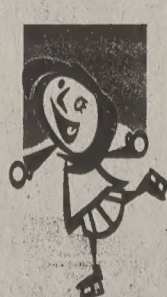
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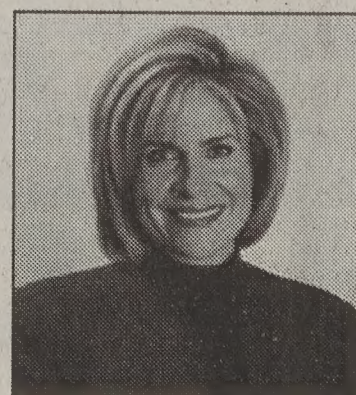


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Students escape from studies in Swing Club

By SARAH THEOBALD

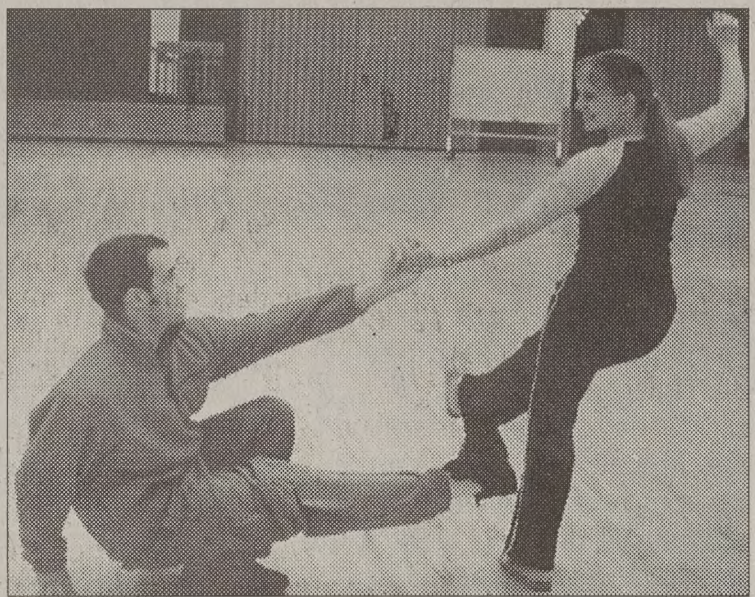
dance floor and some old swing tunes p students rejuvenate from the stress of a college student.

Swing Kids Club at BYU focuses on students make new friends through and practicing together, swing style. da Jacobsen, from Bothell, Wash., ag in geology, is currently the presi- the club.

a lot of work just because it is a really y," Jacobsen said. "It's fun to see every- have fun and to know that your hard worth it."

bsen first got involved in swing danc- high school, when she and her brother taking swing lessons and going to in Seattle. She auditioned for a swing team at BYU, made it and now choreo- for one of the teams.

vice-president of the club, De Ette tton, from Livermore, Calif., majoring



Students have the opportunity to take a break from the books, by learning how to swing dance or improve their skills by going to practice on Tuesday nights.

in international law and diplomacy, is on the swing dance team and the ballroom dance team.

"A lot of team members are also ballroom team dancers," Chatterton said. "There's a

big crossover there. I love being able to do both."

The treasurer of the club, Garrett Cardon, from Sunnyvale, Calif., majoring in audiology and speech language pathology, said he first got into swing dancing because his grandpa really loved swing music, so he has been listening to it all his life. His grandpa used to dance swing in World War II with his grandmother.

"For me, my most memorable performance was a homecoming performance at Thanksgiving Point," Cardon said. "We were doing a really hard routine with lots of lifts where we throw the girls around. I was really nervous, but we stuck everything and it was awesome."

Beginning lessons for the club are taught on Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a dance from 8:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday night lessons are from 7 to 8 p.m. Events are usually in the WSC East Ballroom, but check the club Web site, <http://skc.clubs.byu.edu>, for weekly updates.

Experience counts more in photo world

By PAIGE ENGELHARDT

's famous motto "Enter to learn, go serve," resonates the understanding elege is the time to learn and practice e work skills within a specified field try to earn a living.

ever, this may not be the case for every

ography professionals and graduates hat earning a college degree in pho- y is not at all essential in finding a job.

photography as a degree means nothing," avis Lovell, from Ririe, Idaho, and a graduate of BYU's photography ment. "Nobody really cares if you had e or not."

only do recent graduates in the work nderstand this raw truth, but photog- rofessors agree.

the fact of the matter is, in the job mar- degree means nothing," said John photography professor at BYU. "It's ou know and what you can do which something. The degree gets you there, one asks where you got your degree. nquire you based on what you can do."

While earning a degree in photography may be considered useless in the work force, many students can benefit from the classes they take.

"The degree does build your portfolio,"

Lovell said. "It just helps to learn photography, what aspects of it you like, what you want to do with photography, and helps you with contacts, which is really important."

Photogra- phy degrees do provide a good sense of profes- sional training that is helpful to best learn the art.

"The best way to achieve this [excellent camera and picture-taking techniques] is by some sort of formal training be it a school or via the Web," said Ivan P.W. Mclellan, a professional photographer and author of a photographic Web site.

Telford said he agreed that a degree in pho-

tography was more of a means to an ends rather than an end in itself.

"More than a degree, I think you need to get an education," Telford said. "Are you here to get hours, or are you here to get an education?"

BYU has a reputable photogra- phy program, Lovell said.

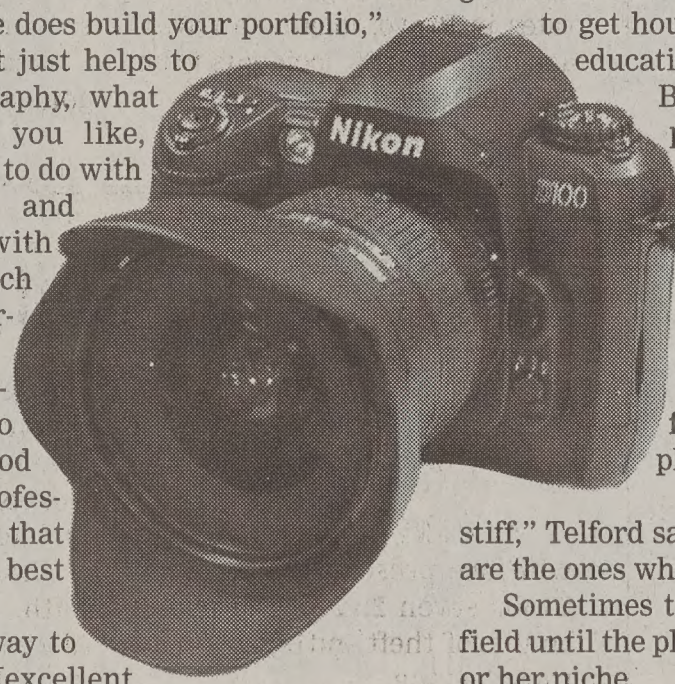
"We place with some of the most prominent photogra- phers in the business," Lovell said.

Yet even with a good educa- tion in hand, the job market still requires a great deal from aspiring professional photographers.

"The competition is very stiff," Telford said. "People who get the work are the ones who are willing to work."

Sometimes that work may be in a related field until the photography major can find his or her niche.

Lovell, who graduated in August, works locally reproducing paintings. Although the work is not as a professional photographer, he does use his photo-computing experience and abilities by working with Photoshop, imagery, color, scanning and outputs, Lovell said.



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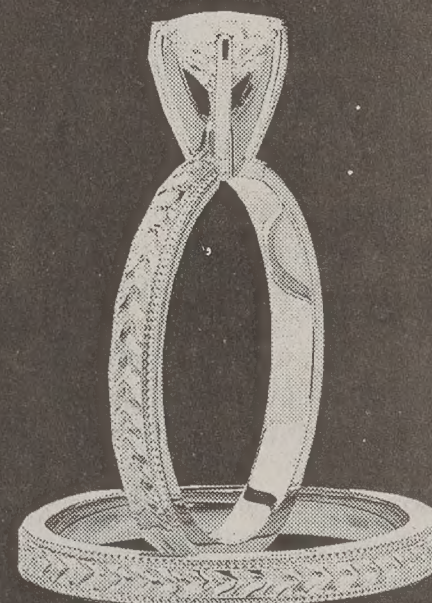
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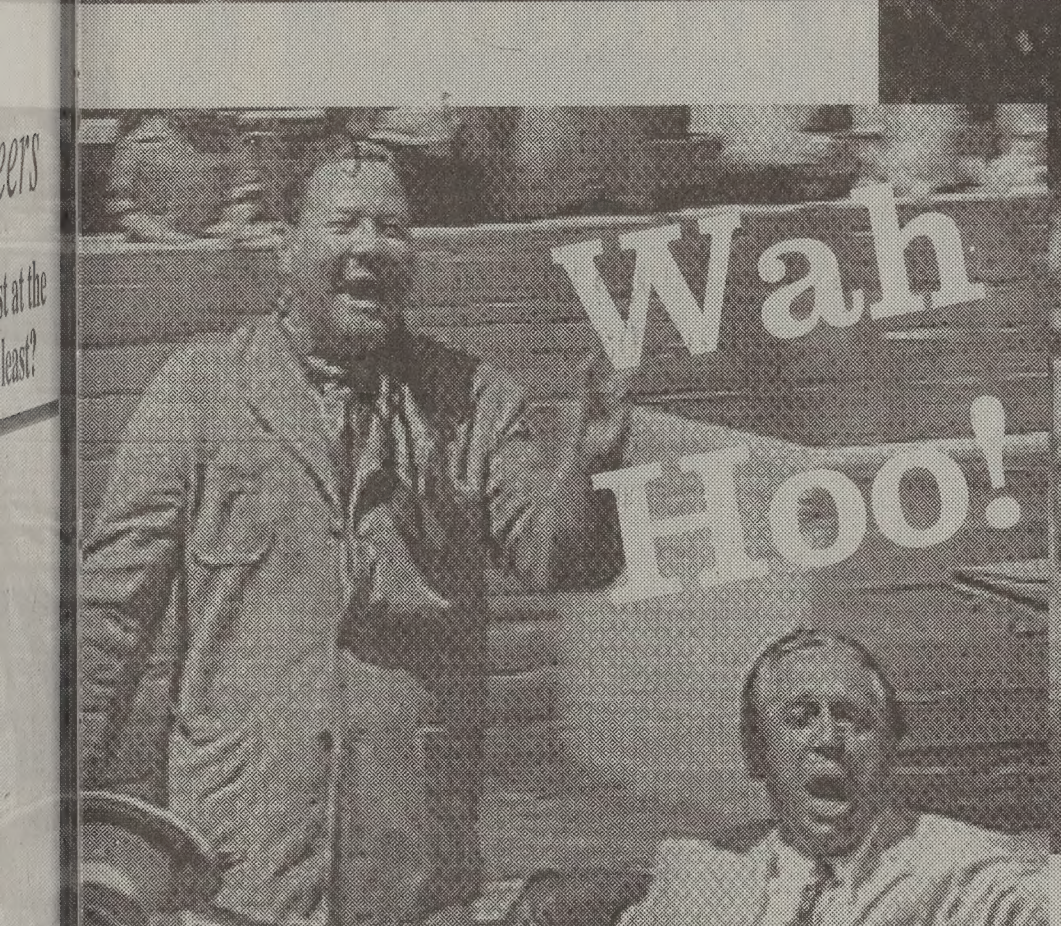
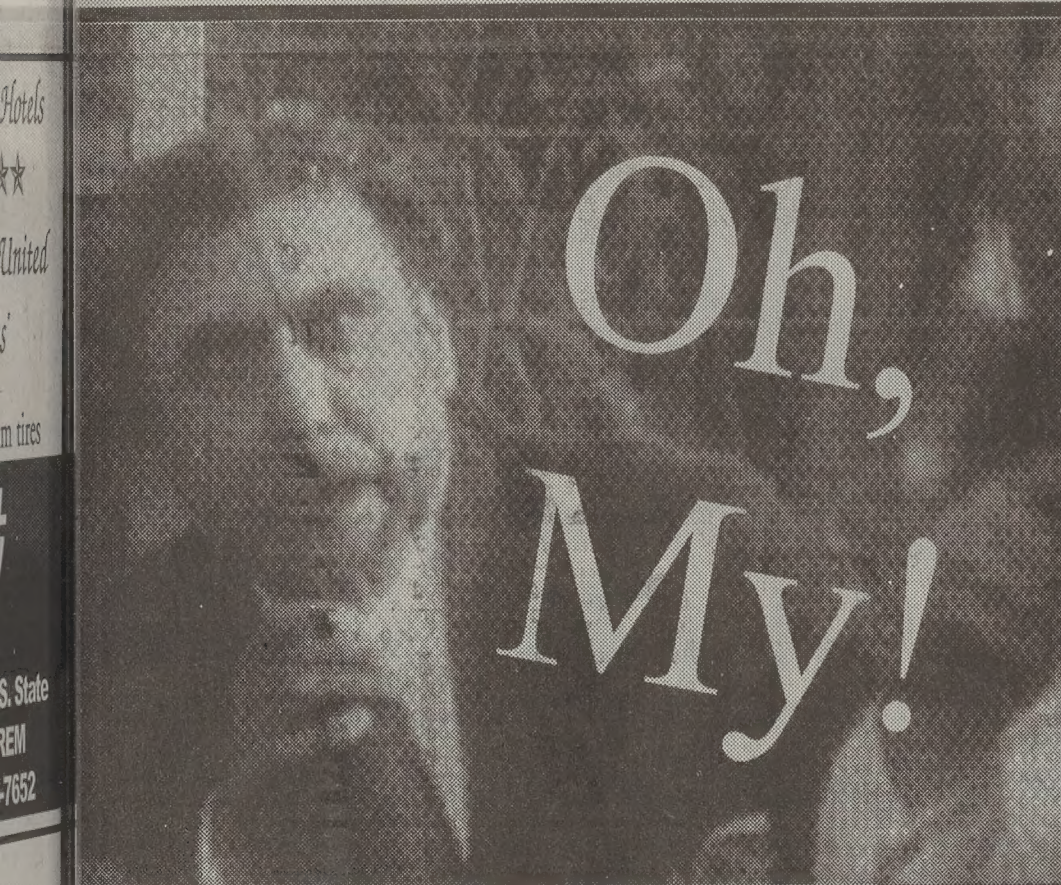
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Recruits visit Provo

By COLBY O'VERY

The past weekend was a big one for the BYU football team as it hosted recruits from across the country interested in making a career at BYU.

The biggest recruit to visit was Ofa Moheatau, listed as the top offensive guard recruit in the nation and the 12th overall recruit by ESPN's Tom Lemming.

Moheatau, from Euless, Texas, is listed at 6-foot 3-inches, 321 pounds and has been clocked running the 40-yard dash in 4.75 seconds.

Brian Soi, a highly touted defensive lineman, and Dallas Reynolds, offensive lineman and son of BYU assistant coach Lance Reynolds, came from Timpview High School to see what BYU had to offer.

Both Reynolds and Soi have reportedly made verbal commitments to BYU.

Unfortunately, BYU coaches can't confirm these reports because of NCAA restrictions that prohibit coaches from making any comments on recruiting until signing day, Feb. 5th.

Others that made the trip include offensive linemen Jason Sperdon from West Valley City, R.J. Willing from Oahu, Hawaii, and defensive lineman Brett Denney from Colorado, another of the Denney brothers.

Tight end Dan Van Sweden from Logan, linebacker David Nixon from Texas and safety Vilami Nauahi from Hawaii also visited BYU.

Of those mentioned that have visited BYU, Moheatau remains the only one to not verbally commit to BYU.

Cougars hope off-season work pays off

By DAN SINGER

The BYU men's tennis team is exorcising the demons of a disappointing finish last season and the graduation of three key players over the summer, with the power of two nationally ranked veterans and a supporting cast of dedicated up-and-comers.

This year's team is headlined by the doubles team of Carlos Lozano from Tlanepantla, Mexico, and Eric Nyman of Upsala, Sweden. Already ranked in the top 10 in the nation, the duo of seniors is expected to place well this season.

"We hope to win the number one doubles point in every match we're in," coach Jim

Osborne said.

Lozano was paired up with Gert Vilms, who graduated last April. The two were ranked in the top 10 all season long, but Lozano has high praise for Nyman.

"I loved playing with Gert last year, but I think that I am getting along with Eric even better," Lozano said.

The emotion of this season is heightened by the eminent departure of Osborne, who has announced this will be his final season at the helm of the team.

"I've loved working with him," Lozano said. "We're in the same spot, leaving at the same time, but I think we're all just trying to focus on the task at hand."

Joining Nyman and Lozano are senior Anton Rudjuk and

sophomore Jose Lechuga. Rudjuk, from Vancouver, British Columbia, had an even record of 12-12 last year in singles matches.

"He's doing a much better job concentrating this year," Lozano said. "If he keeps his head in the match he will be a very good player for us this year."

Lechuga, Rudjuk's doubles partner, made some surprising improvements since last season. Lechuga was the No. 8 seed on the team a year ago.

In the off-season, he went to his home in Tlanepantla, Mexico, practiced his technique daily, and won the Mexico tennis doubles championship tournament. He is now the No. 3 seed on the team.

"I practiced three to four hours a day, every day," Lechuga

said. "I have a lot more confidence this year, and I'm hitting the ball a lot better."

Lechuga's partner, Rudjuk, was optimistic of their team as a doubles team.

"We'll be really tough," Rudjuk said. "I really enjoy playing with him. He makes me a better player."

The team is rounded out by junior Alonso Medina and senior Jeff Olsen.

The Cougars will face a tough test in the Mountain West Conference this year. Having finished a disappointing 11th place in the conference last year, Coach Osborne ranked his team as third in the conference behind San Diego State University and New Mexico, for next year.

"We have a talented team," Osborne said.

Softball team gets attitude adjustment

New mission statement gives team unity, direction

By EVELYN BURNS

As the Cougar softball team gears up for its upcoming season, not only are the women swinging bats and catching balls, they are learning a little lesson in chemistry.

"As a coach, you can try to give vision, but you cannot force them to buy into it," said new head coach Gordon Eakin.

After head coach Mary Kay Amicone resigned last season, Eakin decided to redirect his team with a mission statement.

Before regular team practice began, the coaching staff sat down with the players and decided what they as a team wanted to happen this season.

The players were active in voicing their opinions in four new directions for the team. The team members committed themselves to loving the game, improving each day, supporting each member of the team and looking back on the season with no regrets.

Last season, the team struggled down the

stretch. The Cougars lost nine of their last 16 games during the regular season and then made an early exit from the Mountain West tournament in May.

The team attributed its last-minute downfall last season to lack of friendship and team unity. The players said they started strong, but lost their purpose somewhere along the way.

The new written commitment seems to have given direction and purpose to the team this season.

"We're all really good friends and get along really well," said sophomore catcher Arron Layns. "We have a lot of fun at practice now."

Regular-season practice began after the Christmas break, just weeks before the season's opening tournament in St. George, Jan. 30 through Feb. 1.

Anyone can see that the team has really bonded together on and off the field. Players look like they've been together for years in the way that they practice hard, but find time to joke around with one another.

"We believe in fully supporting and fighting for all members of our team," states the team's commitment to one another in the

2003 Mission Statement.

"We will compete on a higher level with our talent and team chemistry this year," Eakin said. "We have a blend of experienced players and talented newcomers."

Though six players were lost and another six are newcomers, the team works hard to know one another on and off the field.

Upon returning from a university Devotional, the women change their dresses and skirts and pick up bats and balls and work together hand in hand to achieve team unity.

Eakin claims no credit for the new team spirit. He believes the team has created its own path to a second Mountain West Conference championship title.

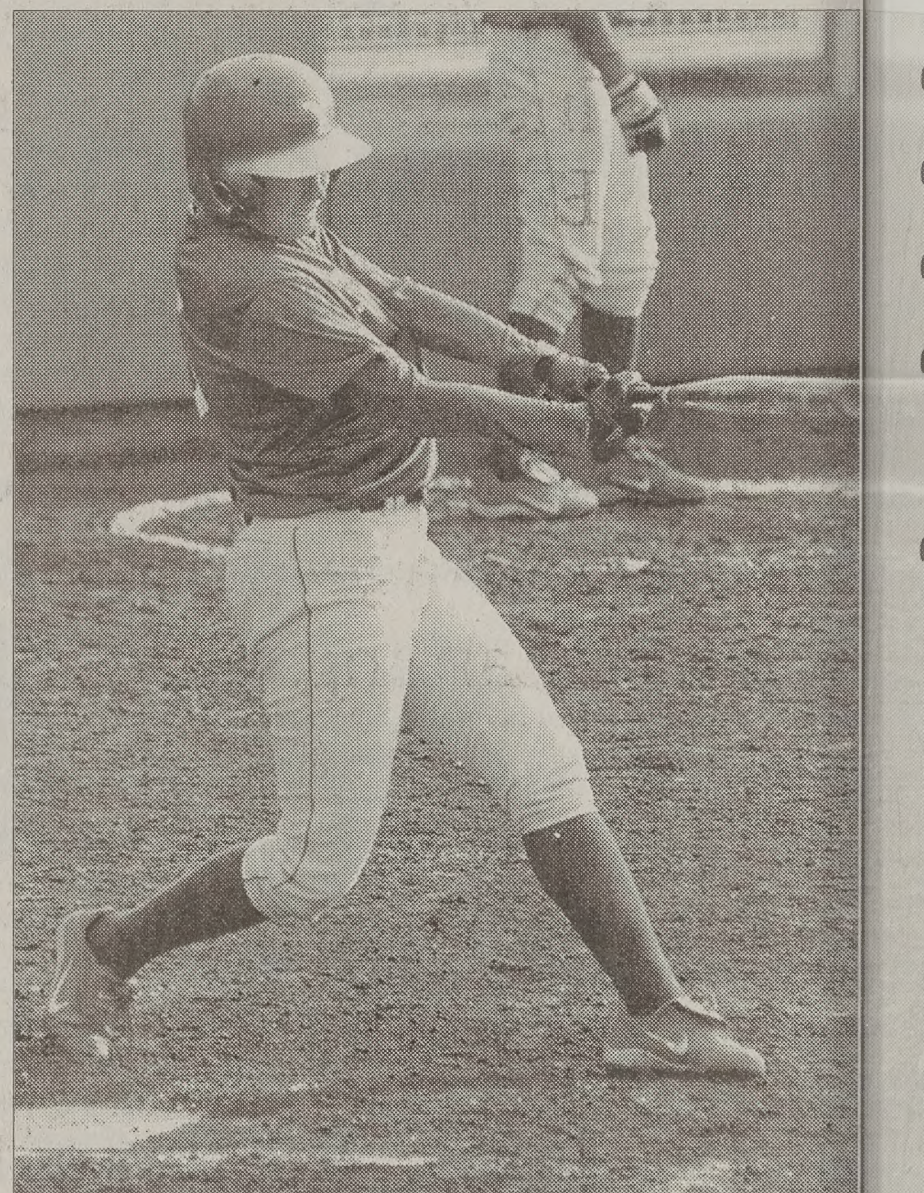
"The direction of the team is made by the team," Eakin said.

"We want to have fun with no regrets this season," said assistant coach Mindy Hanson of the team's new focus this year.

The Cougars travel to St. George on Jan. 30 to compete in the Southern Utah University Tournament. During the three day tournament BYU will face Oregon State, Southern Utah, Cal Poly and Saint Mary's.

"As a coach, you can try to give vision, but you cannot force them to buy into it."

Gordon Eakin
BYU Softball coach



BYU's Arron Layns swings hard during a game at UVSC last October. The Cougar softball team begins its season Jan. 30.

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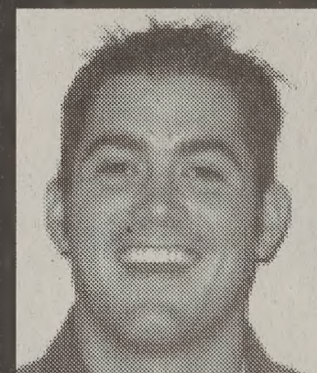
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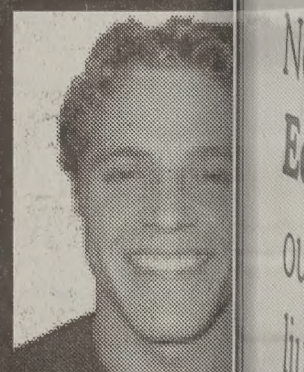
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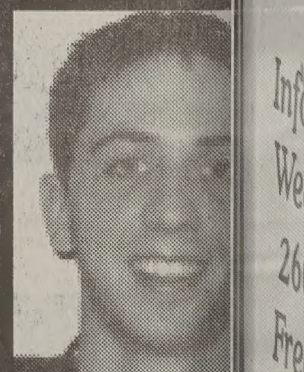
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Healthy tennis team focusing on team effort in tough season

By CELESTE WILCOX

Heading into regular season play, the BYU women's tennis team is finally healthy and prepared to match its competition.

Last season the team was riddled with injuries, but all the girls are now healthy and ready to play.

"We're coming off a lot of injuries," coach Craig Manning said, "but we're looking good this year."

The women recently returned from training in Hawaii, which Manning said was a good experience for the team.

"We came back moving better and got rid of early season jitters," Manning said.

The Cougars cannot afford to have jitters now because they battle five top-25 teams this season. UNLV, Notre Dame and Tennessee are always formidable opponents, but luckily for the

Cougars, all of these matches are in Provo.

"We have a really good schedule this year," Manning said. "We have 11 home matches, more than ever. We'll have a chance against Tennessee at home."

Many things can wear out a team on the road, but in this area, altitude is one of the biggest obstacles.

"Altitude makes a difference," assistant coach Holly Parkinson-Hasler said. "It takes other teams longer to adjust to the altitude, where our girls have the advantage of practicing here."

Coaches said capitalizing on team strength rather than focusing on individual prowess is the key to gaining an advantage over the competition.

"We can't only depend on certain girls to win," Manning said. "We need to be competitive at every position."

To achieve this competitive level, Manning is focusing on the

basics. Moving, foot depth are a sampling of fundamentals the women practice on in practice.

Seniors Dominique and Lu Oswald are the watch, as the No. 1 and 2 respectively. They also form the No. 1 double team for the team.

"We're like one family," sophomore Rebecca Pierson said.

The team has top players like Pierson, Reynolds and Oswald, who are no captains.

"The team has great chemistry," Parkinson-Hasler said. "The girls all get along this year."

A favorable schedule for a healthy team and good coaches are what the tennis team brings to this season.

"I really like this team," Manning said. "I'm not saying anything, but we have a really good team this year."

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